

conclusion that essentially no benefit would be achieved by requiring modifications to meet the single-failure criteria for the specific scenario during this time period.

#### IV

For these foregoing reasons, the NRC staff has concluded that it is not necessary to meet the single-failure requirement of Appendix K, Section I.D.1, with respect to (1) failure of Motor Control Center 3AB and the resulting inability to initiate an active means of controlling core boron concentration and (2) the active methods not meeting the single-failure criterion for the period when approved licensing methods predict that APS is not effective following certain LOCAs to adequately ensure that boron precipitation does not interfere with long-term cooling. The NRC staff has determined that there are special circumstances present, as specified in 10 CFR 50.12.(a)(2)(ii), in that application of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Section I.D.1, is not necessary in order to achieve the underlying purpose of this regulation, which is to provide adequate assurance that boron precipitation will not interfere with the capability of the ECCS to provide long-term core cooling.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

The Florida Power Corporation, et al., is exempt from the single-failure criterion requirement of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, Section I.D.1, with respect to (1) failure of Motor Control Center 3AB and the resulting inability to initiate an active means of controlling core boron concentration and (2) failure of the active means to meet the single-failure criterion for the period when approved licensing methods predict that APS is not effective following reactor coolant pump discharge breaks provided that: procedural guidance shall be maintained that describes the actions necessary to restore an active method of boron precipitation mitigation in the event of a failure of Motor Control Center 3AB.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 54162).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of October, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Frank J. Miraglia,**

*Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

#### Washington Public Power Supply System (Nuclear Project No. 2; Correction to Confirmatory Order Modifying License Effective Immediately

On March 25, 1998, the Commission issued a Confirmatory Order Modifying License for the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) Nuclear Project No. 2. The Order confirmed WPPSS' commitment to complete implementation of Thermo-Lag 330-1 fire barriers corrective actions. The Order was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1998 (63 FR 16289). In Column 3, Line 4, "3485" should read "3486".

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Samuel J. Collins,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

#### 1999 Railroad Experience Rating Proclamations, Monthly Compensation Base and Other Determinations

**AGENCY:** Railroad Retirement Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 8(c)(2) and section 12(r)(3) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2) and 45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3), respectively), the Board gives notice of the following:

1. The balance to the credit of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUI) Account, as of June 30, 1998, is \$81,520,684.90;
2. The September 30, 1998, balance of any new loans to the RUI Account, including accrued interest, is zero;
3. The system compensation base is \$2,817,307,517.24 as of June 30, 1998;
4. The cumulative system unallocated charge balance is (\$202,216,518.19) as of June 30, 1998;
5. The pooled credit ratio for calendar year 1999 is zero;

6. The pooled charged ratio for calendar year 1999 is zero;

7. The surcharge rate for calendar year 1999 is 1.5 percent;

8. The monthly compensation base under section 1(i) of the Act is \$970 for months in calendar year 1999;

9. The amount described in section 1(k) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,425 for base year (calendar year) 1999;

10. The amount described in section 2(c) of the Act as "an amount that bears the same ratio to \$775 as the monthly compensation base for that year as computed under section 1(i) of this Act bears to \$600" is \$1,253 for months in calendar year 1999;

11. The amount described in section 3 of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,425 for base year (calendar year) 1999;

12. The amount described in section 4(a-2)(i)(A) of the Act as "2.5 times the monthly compensation base" is \$2,425 with respect to disqualifications ending in calendar year 1999;

13. The maximum daily benefit rate under section 2(a)(3) of the Act is \$46 with respect to days of unemployment and days of sickness in registration periods beginning after June 30, 1999.

**DATES:** The balance in notice (1) and the determinations made in notices (3) through (7) are based on data as of June 30, 1998. The balance in notice (2) is based on data as of September 30, 1998. The determinations made in notices (5) through (7) apply to the calculation, under section 8(a)(1)(C) of the Act, of employer contribution rates for 1999. The determinations made in notices (8) through (12) are effective January 1, 1999. The determination made in notice (13) is effective for registration periods beginning after June 30, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RRB is required by section 8(c)(1) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(1)) as amended by Public Law 100-647, to proclaim by October 15 of each year certain system-wide factors used in calculating experience-based employer contribution rates for the following year. The RRB is further required by section 8(c)(2) of the Act (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2)) to publish the amounts so determined and proclaimed. The RRB is required by section 12(r)(3) of the Act (45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3)) to